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Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Notice of Appeal (1 pg.);

2. Check No. 18565 in the amount of \$165.00 for the Appeal filing fee;

3. Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg., in duplicate);

4. Check No. 18567 in the amount of \$420.00 for the Petition filing fee; and

5. Return Postcard.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-551CONS2 (CURA-51CONS2). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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